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Applicant: MEDICO, Enzo et al.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert --This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/00478 which has an International filing date of January 27, 1999, which designated the United States of America.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

~~Claim 2:~~ Line 1, change "claims 1-2" to --claim 1--

~~Claim 3:~~ Line 1, change "claims 1-2" to --claim 1 or 2--

~~Claim 4:~~ Line 1, change "claims 1-2" to --claim 1 or 2--

~~Claim 5:~~ Line 2, change "1-5" to --1-2--

~~Claim 8:~~ Line 1, change "claims 1-4" to --claim 1--